

വിട്ട് ഏറ്റെടുത്ത് വരുന്ന ഉപ്പുവെള്ളത്തെ തടയുന്നതിനുള്ളതും ചെയ്യാൻ മാത്രം മതിയാവുന്നതാണ്. ഇതിന്നു ഇപ്പോൾ രൂപം ൦ ൦ ക. ചിലവ് ചെയ്യാൻ നീക്കിവെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. വകുപ്പുജനറൽ ൪ ൦, ൦ ൦ ക. യുണ്ടായാൽ ഈ പണി പൂർത്തീകരിക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്ന് പറയുന്നുണ്ട്. അപ്പോൾ ഒരുപതിനായിരത്തിൽ ചിലപണം ഉറപ്പികയും കൂടി അഡീഷണലായി എടുത്ത് ഈ പണി പൂർത്തീകരിക്കണമെന്നാണ് ഏനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളത്.

പിന്നെ കരാഞ്ചിറ മുതൽ ആലപ്പാടുവരെ ഒരു റോഡു വേണമെന്ന് ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നുണ്ട്. ഈ തോട്ടിൽ നിന്നെടുക്കുന്ന മണ്ണ് ആ റോഡിനുവേണ്ടി ഉപയോഗിക്കാവുന്നതുമാണ്. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഈ മണ്ണും വീണ്ടും തോട്ടിലേക്ക് വരുന്നതല്ല. അങ്ങിനെയാണെങ്കിൽ എല്ലാ കൊല്ലങ്ങളിലും തോട്ടിൽ നിന്ന് മണ്ണെടുക്കേണ്ടതായി വരികയില്ല. ഇങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്യുകയാണെങ്കിൽ ഒരു വെടിക്കു രണ്ടു പക്ഷിയെന്ന് പറഞ്ഞപോലെ പല കാര്യങ്ങളും നമുക്ക് സാധിക്കുവാൻ കഴിയും. ഇരിഗേഷൻ വെള്ളം നിർമ്മാൻ സാധിക്കും, നാവിഗേഷൻ വളരെ സൗകര്യമുണ്ടാക്കാൻ സാധിക്കും, റോഡില്ലാത്തവക്ക് റോഡുണ്ടാക്കാൻ സാധിക്കും ഇങ്ങിനെയുള്ള പല സൗകര്യങ്ങളും ഇതിന്നുണ്ട്. ഒരുപതിനായിരം ഉറപ്പികയും കൂടി ഉണ്ടായാൽ ഈ കൊല്ലംതന്നെ ഇതു നടത്തുവാൻ സാധിക്കാവുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ കൊല്ലം നടത്തണമെന്ന് അപേക്ഷിക്കുകയും അതിനുവേണ്ടി ഞാൻ ഇതിവിടെ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുകയും ചീഫ് എൻജിനീയർ സമ്മതിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള നിലക്ക് ഞാൻ ഉപക്ഷേപത്തെ പിൻവലിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

Cut Motion, by leave, withdrawn

The House rose for lunch at 1-30 p.m., and re-assembled at 2-30 p.m., with the Panel Chairman Mr. P. P. Devassy in the Chair

CUT MOTION No. 17

Thoravankara-road

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph (Narakkal): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,09,770 for communications by Re. 1. To open a road in Thoravankara in the Srimulanagaram Panchayat. Thoravankara is an inhabited area surrounded by paddy fields. The inhabitants have to go to Kanjoor for the purposes of everyday life. They find that very difficult especially in monsoons. There is not even a foot-path above water. The local panchayat has not got sufficient funds to take it up as an original work. This question has been brought to the notice of the House before. When the materials are locally available, I submit, Government is not justified in postponing such an urgent means of communication in the locality. Hence the motion.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (Chief Engineer): This is at present a panchayat road and in the present Road Board programme they have not included this work. I have no personal knowledge of the conditions prevailing in that locality. I shall look into that question and see what can be done.

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph (Narakkal): In view of the assurance I withdraw.

Cut Motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 18

Bridges to connect Vypeen with Ernakulam

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph (Narakkal): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,09,770 for communications by Re. 1. To include the construction of two bridges to connect Vypeen with Ernakulam in the Post-war Development Scheme. I am not asking for funds. I only want that this question be studied by the Post-war Development Committee and I just want to bring it to the attention of the Government also. In any scheme of Post-war development the Vypeen Pallipuram area is bound to occupy an important place in the development of the port area. That area is perhaps the most thickly populated area in the State—one of the most thickly populated areas in the world. It is ideally suited for the location of large factories and a very large labour force is immediately available. The bulk of it is now employed in Assam and when they return it will be very inconvenient to transplant such a very large population to other parts of the State. And unless that area is connected by bridges to the capital of the town. The large amount of money now spent and is going to be spent for the Vypeen Pallipuram road is a waste. The construction of these two bridges will be a feather to the cap of our Engineering Department.

Mr. L. M. Pylee (*Latin-Christians Ernakulam*): May I know where such a bridge is to be constructed?

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph (*Narakkal*): It is for the experts to decide. There are various localities. From Vypeen up to Pallipport.

Mr. L. M. Pylee (*Latin-Christians Ernakulam*): In that case we will have to build a bridge over the harbour.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): There was a proposal for the connection of Vypeen with Pallipuram. May I know whether the Hon'ble Member for Engineering will enlighten me whether the Vypeen Pallipuram road has been completed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): There are certain portions which have to be made afresh. We have made provision for them in the Road Board programme.

Mr. L. M. Pylee (*Latin-Christians Ernakulam*): On a point of order, Sir, the next cut motion is this. Can we not reserve our observations for that cut motion rather than on this.

Panel Chairman: The discussion of this may be over.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The proposal of the Hon'ble Member is for connecting Vypeen with Ernakulam by means of one or two suitable bridges. As the member has pointed out this is a very large project which has got to be investigated in thorough detail to find out where exactly the location of the bridges is to be, the cost of constructing these bridges and other matters. The length to be covered will nearly be 1 or 1½ miles for the bridge. It will be one of the longest bridges in India. There are several good advantages on account of the bridge because it may be possible to carry the pipe lines on it and to supply water to the area of Vypeen. It will also give an opening to a large number of people living on the Vypeen shores. The question has got to be examined very minutely and I shall be glad to undertake that work.

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph (*Narakkal*): The only purpose was to bring this project to the notice of the Government. And since the Chief Engineer has promised to explore the possibilities I beg leave of the House to withdraw the motion.

Cut motion, by leave, withdrawn

CUT MOTION No. 19

Land Acquisition for Vypeen Pallipuram Road

Mr. Ephraim Ouseph (*Narakkal*): To reduce the allotment of Rs. 9,09,770 for communications by Re. 1. To complete the land acquisition for the Vypeen—Pallipuram road. This bridge has long been pending in this House. It has been sufficiently delayed and I understand that funds have been included in this year's budget. Last year in the Road Board funds a major part of the allotment had been sanctioned for this purpose. At least acquisition would have been undertaken last year itself. I hope the allotment of this year will not meet with the same fate. Hence this cut.

***Mr. L. M. Pylee** (*Latin-Christians Ernakulam*): I wish to make a few observations on this motion. I am glad that a certain amount is allotted now for agricultural purposes. But what I wish to draw the attention of the House is to the long pendency of this important question. It is not a matter of post-war development. It is a matter of ancient history that a scheme like this has been pending from a very very long time. When I was a boy I used to hear that the road was coming, coming to that village in which I happen to be born and brought up. And from boyhood I have grown into this and still the road is coming. It is one of those points that I have stressed in the speech commenting on the Budget. After I entered this Council at the very first meeting I stressed the necessity for this. Now and then I was told "well the question is being considered", the question will be taken up and so on. Nothing has been done, in this connection, Sir, I may point out apart from that there has been promises. I think on the very first meeting of this Council a letter dated 28th May 1940 from the Chief Engineer addressed to me makes mention of this. It would be taken up soon. It is dated 28th May 1940 and there he says "Really speaking a 40 foot road in that locality is necessary since the area being so important many houses will be constructed at the margins of the road

*Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.